

**Reduction of charges for consultation provided by CGHS recognized hospitals in NCR**

329. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the charges for the consultation and other facilities being provided by the CGHS recognized hospitals in Delhi and NCR;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the orders issued effective from 1 st November, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (c) In response to the tender floated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, applications from private hospitals/diagnostic centres for empanelment under CGHS for extending health services to CGHS beneficiaries were received and processed in the Ministry. The charges for consultations and other facilities have been fixed based on the rates quoted by different private hospitals/diagnostic centres. A revised package of rates based on the lowest rates quoted by the applicants have been made effective from 1st November, 2006.

**Hospital-Patient Ratio in the country**

330. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether urban India, which has only 30 per cent of the population has two third of the total hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such concentration of hospitals in urban areas is resulting in disproportionate hospital-bed to population ratio between different urban and non-urban areas, e.g. while this ratio for Delhi is reported to be 1:635, it is about 1:5,000 in Jammu & Kashmir, 4,000 for Madhya Pradesh and 1:3,000 for Bihar; and